

VOLUME II**Volume II, Chapter I**

1. How does Mr. Bingley's absence from Netherfield and his almost certain rejection of Jane emphasize the importance of adhering to the rules of social decorum for a young woman?

2. Given Bingley's absence, contrast Jane's behavior regarding her attachment with Mrs. Bennet's.

3. How does Mr. Bingley's absence affect Elizabeth's attitude toward the dangers of first impressions? Why is this ironic?

4. What goal does Elizabeth believe the Bingley sisters are pursuing by setting up their brother with Georgiana Darcy?

Volume II, Chapter 2

1. How does Mrs. Gardiner evaluate Mr. Bingley's love? Why does she have a different view from Elizabeth and Jane?

2. Why does Elizabeth consider it implausible that Jane will see Mr. Bingley in London?

Volume II, Chapter 3

1. What does Mrs. Gardiner's advice to Elizabeth about marrying Wickham suggest about her attitude toward marriage?

2. What finally convinces Jane that Miss Bingley does not regard her as a friend, as she had thought for so long?

3. What causes Mr. Wickham lose his interest in Elizabeth?

Volume II, Chapter 4

1. Structurally, how does Elizabeth's visit with her aunt, uncle, and sister fit into the narrative?

2. What event is set up for the future?

Volume II, Chapter 5

1. What is Austen's intention when she writes about Mr. Collins that "Elizabeth was prepared to see him in his glory"?

2. What does Elizabeth's assessment of Charlotte's happiness suggest about Charlotte's marriage?

3. Why does Elizabeth believe that Miss de Bourgh will make "a very proper wife" for Mr. Darcy? What does her attitude reveal about her opinion of Darcy?

Volume II, Chapter 6

1. Considering Elizabeth's initial impression of Lady Catherine de Bourgh, what similarities exist between her and Mr. Darcy?

2. Why is Lady Catherine de Bourgh rich even though her husband has died?

3. What is the significance of the Bennet girls' lack of a governess?

4. What does Lady Catherine criticize about Elizabeth's character? Why are these criticisms significant?

Volume II, Chapter 7

1. What degree of importance does Lady Catherine enjoy within her parish? Given what we know of Lady Catherine, what does this "importance" probably amount to?

Volume II, Chapter 8

1. Why do Charlotte and Mr. Collins not receive an invitation to dine at Rosings after Mr. Darcy and Colonel Fitzwilliam arrive even though it had been their habit to dine there at least twice a week?

2. What is the tone of Elizabeth and Darcy's conversation at Rosings?

Volume II, Chapter 9

1. What social gaffe has Darcy committed in visiting the Parsonage? What might this suggest?

2. What reason does Elizabeth give to explain to Mr. Darcy that Mr. Collins should consider himself lucky to have Charlotte as his wife?

3. What is the significance of Darcy and Elizabeth's discussion of travel and the distance to Longbourne?

4. What image of Mr. Darcy's attitude toward Elizabeth is Austen establishing when she writes, "he certainly looked at her a great deal, but the expression of that look was disputable. It was an earnest, steadfast gaze, but she often doubted whether there were much admiration in it, and sometimes it seemed nothing but absence of mind."

Volume II, Chapter 10

1. What does Elizabeth learn about Darcy's role in Jane's heartbreak? How does this affect her opinion of Darcy?

2. According to Elizabeth, what reasons motivated Mr. Darcy to discourage the match between Mr. Bingley and Jane?

Volume II, Chapter 11

1. How is Mr. Darcy's marriage proposal consistent with his established character?

2. How is Mr. Darcy's marriage proposal not consistent with his established character?

3. What reasons does Elizabeth give for rejecting Darcy's proposal?

Volume II, Chapter 12

1. How do Mr. Darcy's reasons for keeping Jane and Mr. Bingley apart illustrate a key similarity between his character and Elizabeth's character?

2. How does Darcy portray Wickham in his letter?

Volume II, Chapter 13

1. Describe the various epiphanies Mr. Darcy's letter begins to awaken in Elizabeth:
 - A. How does Darcy's letter motivate Elizabeth to begin to evaluate her own character?

- B. How does Darcy's letter affect Elizabeth's assessment of her own family?

Volume II, Chapter 14

1. How do Elizabeth's feelings toward Mr. Darcy change after he leaves Rosings Park?

Volume II, Chapter 15

1. What is ironic about Mr. Collins's discussion with Elizabeth about the happiness of his marriage?

2. Why does Elizabeth hesitate to tell Jane about Mr. Darcy's proposal and letter while both are in London?

Volume II, Chapter 16

1. What surprise awaits Jane and Elizabeth at the Inn where they are waiting for Mr. Bennet's coach to convey them to Longbourn?

2. How does the news Elizabeth receives of Mr. Wickham solidify her opinion she formed after reading Mr. Darcy's letter?

3. What is further suggested by Miss King's suddenly leaving town?

4. Why is Elizabeth concerned when she hears her parents discussing plans to send the daughters to Brighton?

Volume II, Chapter 17

1. Why does Jane particularly pity Mr. Darcy when she hears that Elizabeth rejected his marriage proposal?

2. Why do Elizabeth and Jane decide not to share the information about Mr. Wickham's infamous character with others in Meryton?

3. What does Jane's reaction to Elizabeth's news about Mr. Wickham reveal about her character's strengths and flaws?

4. What aspects of Mr. Darcy's letter does Elizabeth not reveal to Jane?

Volume II, Chapter 18

1. What is clearly foreshadowed by the Bennets' plans to allow Lydia to go to Brighton despite Elizabeth's objections?

2. What does Mr. Bennet's allowing Lydia to go to Brighton establish about his character?

3. What tone characterizes the conversation between Elizabeth and Mr. Wickham on the day before his departure?

Volume II, Chapter 19

1. Of what aspect of Mr. Bennet's behavior as a husband does Elizabeth most disapprove?

2. What rhetorical device does Austen employ when she has the narrator observe of Kitty: "by the following Christmas, she might be so tolerably reasonable as not to mention an officer above once a day, unless by some cruel and malicious arrangement at the war-office, another regiment should be quartered in Meryton"?

3. Why is Elizabeth hesitant when she learns that she will not accompany the Gardiners to the Great Lakes but to Derbyshire instead? What does this change of plans foreshadow?
